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Jennine Krauchi's seven-metre tall "octopus bag," covered in traditional floral beadwork.

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TALL ORDER

CMHR unveils world's largest Métis beaded art piece

Obit highlights 'gutsy' decision

ASSISTED DEATH

Elderly woman dies on own terms; family urges action on legislation

An 89-year-old Winnipeg diabetic who had recently been diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer has chosen to end her life by refusing to take her insulin.

And in lieu of flowers, her family is asking people to write politicians to show support for broadly defined right-to-die legislation, and to urge legislators to act soon.

According to an obituary published in the Winnipeg Free Press, Jess Bowness died March 3 from complications related to her decision to refuse insulin.

In the obituary, her family says they supported "her gutsy decision to die on her own terms."

They also criticized "the legal and medical vacuum that still exists around the right to die," noting her death "took longer than it needed to" and there was "more discomfort and distress than needed to be."

The Supreme Court of Canada struck down a ban on physician-assisted dying last year but gave the new Liberal federal government until June 6 to come up with replacement legislation.

In the obituary, Bowness's relatives wrote of her flamboyant personality and love of shocking people or making them laugh.

However, with diabetes, heart disease, arthritis, quadruple bypass surgery, neuropathy, memory loss and the cancer, "she'd had enough. There wasn't enough laughter anymore."

Bowness was born in Singapore, where she worked as a nurse during the Japanese occupation of the city-state during the Second World War.

She, her husband and children emigrated to Canada in 1965 and her husband, Michael, who died in 1999, became a professor of biochemistry at the University of Manitoba..

Her obituary describes her as "stylish to the point of eccentricity." It also recalls that sometimes, out of boredom, she would answer her phone with "city morgue."

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WORKFORCE

Unions slam city

Two unions in Winnipeg are calling on Mayor Brian Bowman to end the city's use of vacancy management.

The practice of not hiring empty positions has been touted as the way city officials have managed to find $20.9 million in efficiency savings for the 2016 fiscal year.

However, the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 500 and the Winnipeg Association of Public Service Officers (WAPSO) slam the practice as "eroding Winnipeg's municipal workforce."

"We need to ensure we have enough workers to provide the services Winnipeggers rely on, and that support is just not there," CUPE president Gord Delbridge said in a news release issued Wednesday.

Michael Robinson, president of WAPSO, also blasted the millions the city plans to save through vacancy management saying, "leaving a void this large in the municipal workforce is only going to reduce our ability to respond to the needs of Winnipeggers."

According to a list vacancies planned for 2016, the departments with the highest rate of unfilled jobs are police and public works.

Both departments are expected to have around 50 vacant FTEs, which will yield a savings of $6 million for police, and $2.8 million for public works, according to the list.

It also shows property, planning and development and community services will operate with roughly 22-25 open positions for the year. That will save the planning department around $1.9 million and community services $1.5 million. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

Demolish the Public Safety Building: Mayor

HERITAGE

Move would mean losing a piece of city's history: Groups

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

To heritage groups, how the city decides what to do about Winnipeg's Public Safety Building is pivotal.

For planning staff, meanwhile, balancing its architectural value against its renovation bills is a challenge.

But for Winnipeg's mayor, the building's fate is irrefutable.

"My position is clear: I'd like to see it bulldozed," Brian Bowman told reporters Wednesday.

"What we've been advised is it's essentially beyond repair. The costs that we would have to incur in order to save it … is one I don't favour."

Bowman was responding to media questions following a decision by the city's committee on property and downtown development Tuesday that voted to delay a decision as to whether or not demolish the soon-to-be-former police headquarters.

A 30-day lay over would afford staff the time to revisit what advice the city's historical building resources committee gave to a consultant as to the PSB's heritage value.

City groups may be debating the fate of the Public Safety Building, but Mayor Brian Bowman says he will push for its demolition. DAVID LIPNOWSKI/FOR METRO

Input that was not fully presented in the consultant's final report, in which all the recommendations shortlisted sought to demolish and redevelop the site.

"If you were the average citizen, I'd be alarmed at the fact that things like this can go this far along and then a committee, at the eleventh hour, has to stop it because they don't have enough information," Cindy Tugwell, executive director of Heritage Winnipeg, said Wednesday.

Although Bowman said his understanding was the PSB was "beyond repair"— slightly different from when he announced earlier it was "structurally unsound" — the city's head of planning, property and development clarified Wednesday only the Tyndall stone façade of the building is in fact unsound.

"The building itself, the structure of the building itself, while nearing the end of its lifestyle is still safe for occupancy, or we wouldn't have staff in there," John Kiernan explained Wednesday.

And until further investigation is done, Kiernan said the feasibility of recladding the 'Manitoba style' of building's Brutalist design will remain an unknown.

In his notes emailed to Metro, Kiernan writes that repurposing the building for a civic use would cost $66 million — three times the cost of similarly aged structure — which excludes the restoration of the façade.

> **"The costs that we would have to incur in order to save it … is one I don't favour.**
> Mayor Brian Bowman

"The perspective having heard from the architectural community is that this is one of the few remaining [modernist] precincts in Canada and this is a loss," he wrote.

Susan Algie, executive director of the Winnipeg Architecture Foundation, would agree.

She explained the PSB and adjacent Civic Centre campus, along with the Centennial Concert Hall and Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre, are critical stock of buildings that reflect Winnipeg's era of revitalization in its architecture from the '60s

"You want to have, in your history, a good representation of the entire legacy of the city, not just the Victorian era, or not just the contemporary era," Algie said.

If the PSB is torn down she says, "you're going to lose that part of our story."

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The road to improvement

CAMPAIGNS

Infrastructure promises to be key issue in election

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

It was a collision of campaigns as CAA Manitoba launched its fifth annual Worst Roads contest Wednesday.

While vice-president of marketing Tim Scott represented CAA, he was joined by Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) president Chris Goertzen, who linked the annual vote for poor roads to the AMM's recent "fair share, fair say" campaign.

Both committed to drilling home one shared message — demanding a clear road forward be presented during the three major provincial parties' campaigns between now and the April election.

Scott said it was fitting the Worst Roads campaign launch took place in front of the legislative grounds, and said improving roads across Manitoba should be a top priority for the next provincial government.

Tim Scott, CAA's vice-president of marketing, speaks to media on Wednesday. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

Goertzen said the "fair share, fair say" messaging shared between 137 municipalities "highlights the real challenge that we all face with it comes to building infrastructure and maintaining infrastructure," including roads.

He reiterated 60 per cent of Manitoba's infrastructure costs fall to the municipalities, which are allowed to collect only eight cents of every tax dollar to get the job done.

"That's why in the coming weeks it's really critical to encourage all three main political parties to step forward with their own concrete plans on how to stop the deterioration," he said.

Scott said after voting wraps up in the Worst Roads contest, the CAA would be working with the AMM to deliver the list to the new government, then collaborate on a plan to get ahead of the deteriorating roads rather than playing catch-up.

Goertzen suggested rebating the PST back to municipalities, "so that they can put that back into infrastructure (and) improve some of those roads."

> **"Put that back into infrastructure and improve some of the roads.**
> AMM's Chris Goertzen suggests PST rebate

ONLINE VOTE

CAA Manitoba is once again giving commuters a forum to settle once and for all which are the worst roads in the province, and launched its fifth annual Worst Roads campaign, Wednesday, opening voting to the public.

Spokesman Tim Scott said "the tens of thousands of votes" in past years "show that we are concerned about our province, both rurally and in the city."

Some roads are perennial frontrunners in the contest, such as Winnipeg's pockmarked thoroughfares like St. James Street — a two-time winner (loser?) — or Pembina Highway.

Scott said "the governments have been listening," fixing segments of the roads that finish high in the annual vote.

"They have prioritized based on what Manitobans have told (them) needs to be done and taken care of."

In some cases, he said, it's hard to "stay ahead of (deterioration)."

Voting is at caamanitoba.com/worstroads.

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Band declares emergency

MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

Epidemic of suicides leads reserve to call for help

A remote Manitoba First Nation declared a state of emergency Wednesday after six suicides in the last two months and 140 attempts in the last two weeks alone.

Officials from the Pimicikamak Cree Nation, known as Cross Lake, say health workers on the northern reserve can no longer cope. Band councillor Donnie McKay said the nursing station is only staffed by two nurses overnight.

"They're going 24 hours and they're ready to drop."

The community of 8,300 is traumatized and needs immediate help from the provincial and federal governments, McKay said. A meeting with Manitoba Health Minister Sharon Blady last month resulted in one mental-health worker being sent to the community for an eight-hour shift.

"It's ridiculous," said McKay, who was called to a home a few days ago to try to talk a man out of taking his own life. "This wouldn't happen anywhere else."

Acting Chief Shirley Robinson said the reserve — about 500 kilometres north of Winnipeg near a Manitoba Hydro generating station — has an 80 per cent unemployment rate.

Cross Lake First Nation says there have been **140 suicide attempts in the last two weeks alone..**
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> **This wouldn't happen anywhere else.**
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Frustrated residents occupied the generating station in 2013. They said their traditional lands are regularly transformed into a floodway and none of the promised economic development and employment programs has materialized.

Premier Greg Selinger personally apologized a year ago for the damage caused by the hydro development to Cross Lake's traditional land, way of life and cultural identity.

After that apology, Robinson said there was a sense of hope, but that quickly vanished.

"There is lots of despair."

Robinson's 33-year-old cousin, a mother of three, was the sixth person last weekend alone to commit suicide.

The community has been drawing on every resource it can to save lives, said Robinson.

"We've been using clergy. We've been using our local elders. We've been using our local nurses and doctors. It's been very difficult for everyone."

A spokesperson for Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada said in an emailed statement the department is working with the band council and other front-line workers to "identify need and take immediate action in response."

The band is asking for at least six mental-health workers immediately, as well as for a child psychologist and family therapist. Council is also calling for after-hours counsellors and physicians. THE CANADIAN PRESS

TRANSCONA

Arrest follows stabbing

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Police have one man in custody following a fatal stabbing in Transcona late Tuesday night.

Officers on patrol responded to the report of an injured male at a housing duplex on Allenby Crescent near Lancelot Place around 10:45 p.m.

At the time, a 45-year-old male was found wounded in the residence and was taken to a hospital by ambulance, but died as a result of his injuries.

In a prepared statement, Winnipeg Police said "one person is in custody" following the incident.

Police said Wednesday afternoon that they don't have "any other details at present regarding the homicide."

The investigation is continuing by members of the homicide unit. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 204-986-6508 or Crime Stoppers at 204-786-8477.

‘Straight into shock’ for $3.6M winner

LOTTERY

Lotto 6/49 jackpot split between two winning tickets

A Winnipeg woman who won $3.6 million says she's not sure what she'll do with her winnings.

Leslie MacMillan said she discovered she'd won when she checked her email Feb. 28, the morning after two tickets shared the $7.2 million LOTTO 6/49 jackpot.

MacMillian subscribes to the lottery's PlayNow.com service, so her wins are sent to her by email.

“I was checking my email as I usually do on Sunday mornings,” MacMillan said.

“I saw I had a couple of win notifications, so I went to PlayNow.com to check the amounts.

“I saw I won $2, and then $10. Then I saw that I won $3.6 million — and I went straight into shock!”

Leslie MacMillian CONTRIBUTED

MacMillian says she is unsure what she'll do with her windfall.

“I keep asking myself, ‘What will I do with the money?’” she said. “I don't need a car, or anything like that. So I decided that I'll try to help people.

“I'll probably take a couple vacations with my friends. We've been talking about taking a couple different trips for a while now, so I'll be going away somewhere for sure.”

MacMillian picked her own winning numbers — 4, 11, 20, 23, 41 and 45. She shared the $7.2-million jackpot with a ticket in B.C. METRO

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Trudeau's U.S. visit a trip of firsts

Dessert items are seen during a preview a day before the State Dinner for Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at the White House on Wednesday in Washington, D.C. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

DIPLOMACY

PM, family land in Washington ahead of White House dinner

Justin Trudeau's first prime ministerial visit to the United States got underway Wednesday as he stepped off the airplane with his wife and children to begin a trip unique in the recent history of Canada-U.S. relations.

Anticipated announcements on bilateral issues like climate change, next-generation border security and the Arctic are merely one tranche of the story of the three-day trip.

It's also a snapshot in time. The highlight will be the first state dinner for a Canadian in 19 years at a moment where two sympatico progressive leaders hold office and the Canadian one also happens to be unusually well-known here.

The visit has prompted a rare degree of American media attention. A more gushing example was in the tabloid Politico headline, "Justin Fever Hits Washington," followed by a story where a senior White House official admitted having a bit of a crush on the young leader from the north.

It also comes so late in Barack Obama's tenure that one official couldn't say whether or not this state dinner — the 11th of his presidency — might be his final one.

Denison Offut said there's plenty fertile ground for co-operation on substantive files.

"The leaders are progressive, forward-looking, and have very similar common values and agendas," said Offut, director for North American affairs.

The prime minister landed at Andrews Air Force Base and emerged alongside his wife Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau and their three children — Xavier, Ella-Grace and Hadrien.

Thursday is the main meeting with President Barack Obama in the morning, followed by meetings with senior members of Congress and the state dinner in the evening. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Justin Trudeau holds his son Hadrien as he steps off the plane. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ON THE MENU

'A wonderful juxtaposition of flavours'

The best of America's spring produce, with a little help from some Canadian whisky, will feature heavily on the menu for the state dinner Thursday night to mark Justin Trudeau's first prime ministerial visit to the U.S.

The first course at the White House will see the Trudeaus and the Obamas dine on Alaskan halibut "casseroles" with cepes, delicate angel hair asparagus, chanterelles, baby onions and lardon and herbed butter. This will be followed by roasted apricot galette with Appalachian cheese, heirloom lettuces and pine nut crisps.

The menu says the state dinner features ingredients from the Pacific Northwest to the Atlantic coast.

"With a mindfulness to the coming of spring, White House executive chef Cris Comerford and executive pastry chef Susie Morrison will present dishes highlighting elements of the season and the best of America's farms and seas," says the menu.

"One of our canapes is actually a duck poutine," said Comerford as he described Hudson River duck shaved on fries with gravy and cheese. "So it's kind of like a take on a wonderful national dish of Canada."

The vegetables for the first course come from a farm in Ohio and the herbed butter is sourced from Michelle Obama's White House kitchen garden.

The cheese from the second course comes from Galax, Va.

"With sweet and salty, and soft and crunchy, all in one dish, the salad has a wonderful juxtaposition of flavours and textures," says the menu.

The first course of the state dinner in the State Dining Room at the White House. GETTY IMAGES

The main course consists of a herb-crusted lamb from Colorado, Yukon Gold potato dauphinoise and lightly sautéed spring vegetables.

"As a finishing touch, the dish is drizzled with Yukon Jack Canadian Whisky," reads the menu.

Dessert continues the spring theme as the chefs plan to serve a maple pecan cake with cocoa nib wafer and butterscotch swirl ice cream. The pecans in the cake are Texan and the maple syrup comes from New England.

Three wines will be served: Pence Chardonnay "Sebastiano" 2013 with the second course, Cliff Lede "High Fidelity" 2012 with the main course and Chateau Chantal Ice Wine 2013 with dessert.

Trudeau's visit marks the 11th state or official visit of Barack Obama's presidency but the first for a Canadian in 19 years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Eclipsed by wonder

People gazed at the sky and cheered while others knelt in prayer as a total eclipse of the sun unfolded over Indonesia Wednesday, briefly plunging cities into darkness and startling wildlife. The rare phenomenon was witnessed along a path that stretched across 12 Indonesian provinces encompassing three time zones and about 40 million people. A partial eclipse was visible in other parts of the archipelago, a swath of Asia and northern Australia. Thousands flocked to Indonesia from abroad and the government, which has been the promoting the event for more than a year, forecast a substantial tourism boost. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; PHOTOS: AFP/GETTY IMAGES

1 The solar eclipse from Banda Aceh, Indonesia.

2 The moon passing in front of the sun during a partial solar eclipse in Manila.

3 Acehnese people watch from Banda Aceh.

Trump calls for a united front

REPUBLICAN NOMINATION

Frontrunner says he'd beat Clinton with party backing

Donald Trump called for Republicans on Wednesday to rally behind his presidential candidacy after he cruised to primary victories in three more states, declaring that he could not be defeated in the November general election as the standard-bearer of a united party.

On the Democrat side, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders handed former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton a surprise loss in the industrial state of Michigan, increasing the likelihood that the contest for the party's nomination could stretch into early summer. Clinton, however, crushed Sanders in the southern state of Mississippi, continuing to win a large margin among black voters.

Speaking to MSNBC on Wednesday, Trump said: "If the Republican party unites behind us, nobody can beat us."

But Trump evaded questions about how he would carry out his campaign promises, especially his boast that he would build a wall along the Mexican border to stop illegal immigration and make Mexico pay for it.

He did concede that he is not doing as well with women voters because of the stinging language of his campaign. "I can see women not necessarily liking the tone (of the campaign), but I had to be very harsh to win," he said of his brutal counter-attacks on party elites and fellow candidates, particularly Florida Sen. Marco Rubio and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz.

Trump has won 15 of 24 Republican nominating contests so far, but he must do better to win the nomination. His lead over Cruz grew by only 15 delegates Tuesday because all four states awarded delegates proportionally, so even the second-place finisher got some.

Cruz captured the Idaho primary and Rubio, the favourite of the party establishment, failed to pick up any delegates Tuesday. He needs to win home state Florida next week to stay in the race.

As Trump called for Republican unity, party resistance to his campaign continued. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who dropped out of the race, planned to meet with Rubio, Cruz and Kasich, but not with Trump.

While Sanders upset Clinton in Michigan, she increased her delegate lead by sweeping Mississippi and is now halfway to the number needed to clinch the nomination. Clinton has accumulated 1,221 delegates and Sanders 571, including superdelegates, who can support whomever they like. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DELEGATE TALLY

- **Trump**: at least 446
- **Cruz**: at least 347
- **Rubio**: at least 151
- **Kasich**: at least 54

It takes 1,237 delegates to win the party nomination.

Donald Trump called for Republicans to rally behind him after he cruised to primary victories in three more states. GETTY IMAGES

UNITED STATES

Lawmakers celebrate raw milk, deny link to illness

Some West Virginia lawmakers and Capitol staffers had a very bad weekend after drinking raw milk to celebrate a law loosening restrictions on the product. Now state health officials are investigating whether the milk was to blame for their fever, vomiting and diarrhea, and weighing allegations the raw-milk party broke the law. So far, health officials say they haven't received medical reports of illnesses related to the dangerous bacteria that can live in raw milk, including Campylobacter, Listeria, Salmonella and E. Coli. The lawmaker involved blames his and other illnesses on an unrelated stomach virus circulating the Capitol.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREECE-MACEDONIA

Refugees still flow into border camp despite closure

Still more refugees were arriving at the overflowing Idomeni camp on the Greek-Macedonian border Wednesday despite the gates being shut following a European Union-Turkey summit and a decision by countries further up the Balkan route to allow through only people with valid EU visas.

Despite the border closure and increasingly poor conditions, dozens of new arrivals were walking the more than 15 kilometres from a nearby petrol station, men, women and children using flimsy ponchos to ward off the worst of the rain and humidity to reach Europe's largest refugee bottleneck.

In the camp and surrounding fields, thousands sheltered from the driving morning rain any way they could. They huddled in tents pitched in increasingly muddy and swampy fields, trying to insulate their temporary homes by spreading blankets and plastic sheeting over the top.

People queue for food at a makeshift camp at the Greek-Macedonian border on Wednesday. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

By the border gate, through which nobody had passed since dawn on Monday, men, women and children slept in a large tent for those who had reached the front of the queue to cross, huddled on the ground and covered by grey blankets handed out by the United Nations refugee agency. A colorful banner made with clothes, blankets and strips of cloth hung on the border fence above coils of razor wire, reading "Made in EU."

The mood was grim and confused, with many seemingly in denial that this muddy field is where their onward journey ends, far from the better lives they dreamed of in more prosperous European countries such as Germany.

"I don't know anything," said 17-year-old Ahmed Merza from Qamishli in Syria, who has been in Idomeni for eight days with his sister. "This is bad news for us — like a bomb."

Like thousands around him, Merza wanted to go to Germany. "I'm sad," he said. He didn't consider staying in Greece to be a viable option, saying that "Greece is a poor country, for us and for the people."

"Greece is a poor country, for us and for the people."
Ahmed Merza

For others, the conditions were just too much to bear, and about 200 people boarded buses bound south for refugee camps in and around Athens or other parts of Greece. Greek officials have said they will not evacuate the camp by force.

"This is horrible, unbelievable, unbearable. There is war in my country, and they are closing the border," said Mahmoud Hassan, a 23-year-old Syrian. "Where are we supposed to go? Please if you can do anything - help us. The situation is very, very terrible."
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BANK OF CANADA

Key rate stays same ahead of fed budget

The Bank of Canada is sticking with its key interest rate as it awaits billions in economy-boosting measures expected in the federal budget.

0.5%
The Bank of Canada's current interest rate.

The central bank kept its interest rate locked at 0.5 per cent in its scheduled announcement Wednesday.

The bank's decision comes as the federal government insists its March 22 budget will include big-ticket spending to help the economy.

The Bank of Canada specifically acknowledged those federal investments, saying it would evaluate the impact of fiscal stimulus measures in its April 13 quarterly monetary policy report.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hens on a free-range farm in Canada. COURTESY WORLD ANIMAL PROTECTION

Egg farmers are pushing back

CAGE-FREE HENS

Big restaurant chains shun enriched cages compromise

Some 17,000 hens and one rooster at Roger Pelissero's egg farm in West Lincoln, Ont., live in cages that may be the envy of most other hens in Canada.

The cages, which are about 1.5 metres wide and 3.7 metres long, contain about 60 hens per colony and are outfitted with perches, a scratch pad and two partitioned nesting areas for laying eggs in private.

But as major restaurant chains increasingly promise to dish out eggs solely from hens not confined to cages, they shun enriched caging — a compromise that Pelissero and other Canadian egg farmers hope that hens, farmers and consumers can live with.

CONSUMERS

Grocery stores offer shoppers a choice of eggs

Canadian consumers are egg farmers' No. 1 clients and the grocery stores they shop at still offer a range of choice, including certified organic eggs (which are always free-range) and those from enriched housing. But if public opinion joins the changing corporate tide, Canada's egg farmers may have to reconsider their stance.

ISTOCK

Pelissero's hens once lived in battery cages, a type of housing that only offers each bird the living space of about a standard piece of paper. In 2013, he upgraded to enriched cages, which allow hens to exhibit more natural behaviours, like dust bathing.

Pelissero considered shifting to a cage-free alternative but decided against it due to health concerns for his birds and workers, mostly family.

Cage-free housing can mean more dust and ammonia in the barn because hens aren't completely separated from their litter, said Peter Clarke, chairman of the Egg Farmers of Canada.

People working in free-run set-ups can suffer short-term respiratory problems, found a 2015 study by the Coalition for Sustainable Egg Supply.

Birds in free-run systems died more frequently, pecked at other hens more aggressively and their keel bones showed more damage than their battery cage counterparts. The hens in free-run systems were also more likely to die of cannibalism. THE CANADIAN PRESS

COMPUTERS

Google's AI beats Go champ

Google's computer program AlphaGo defeated its human opponent, South Korean Go champion Lee Sedol, on Wednesday in the first face-off of a historic five-game match.

AlphaGo's victory in the ancient Chinese board game is a breakthrough for artificial intelligence, showing the program developed by Google DeepMind has mastered one of the most creative and complex games ever devised.

Commentators said the match was close, with both AlphaGo and Lee making some mistakes and a result that was unpredictable until near the end.

Lee's loss was a shock to South Koreans and Go fans. The 33-year-old initially was confident of a sweeping victory two weeks ago, but sounded less optimistic a day before the match.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON CONSERVATIVE CAMPAIGN CASH

For seasoned politicians, the leadership game is worth playing only if one has a reasonable chance of finishing with a score high enough to not lose face. And achieving that in the expensive Conservative environment will be costly.

It is a political rule of thumb that defeated incumbents tend to drown their sorrows in money and it turns out the federal Conservatives are no exception.

At $5 million, the spending limit imposed on each of the candidates who will vie to replace Stephen Harper between now and next spring is more than five times higher than the maximum allowed for the leadership contest that resulted in Justin Trudeau's election.

But it is in the same general ballpark as that set by the Liberals immediately after they lost power to the Conservatives in 2006.

Over the campaign that ended with Stéphane Dion's victory, the candidates were allowed to spend almost $3.5 million each — down from $4 million at the time of Paul Martin's quasi-coronation in 2003.

In between the two Liberal leadership contests, more restrictive Elections Canada fundraising rules had come into effect. Corporations were no longer permitted to dish out generous helpings of money to their favourite candidate. Only individuals could contribute a modest amount of money.

In 2006, the Liberals were the first to try out those new rules and the result was a collective disaster.

By the time the campaign ended, more than half the 11 candidates were mired in debt. Over the years that followed their efforts to pay off those debts put a cramp on the party's fundraising efforts. (Unlike the Conservatives today, the Liberals could at least count on a public per-vote subsidy for most of that period.)

To top it all, the 2006 Liberal campaign did not yield a winning leader.

The Conservatives apparently believe they are immune to those risks. Not that they have any experience with the process — Harper was selected under the old free-for-all system.

Under the lax rules of the recent past, a leadership candidate with deep pockets such as Belinda Stronach was able to make up for her political outsider status by financing her own campaign.

But in this contest, businessman Kevin O'Leary would be forbidden to tap into his own considerable financial resources. Instead he would have to find supporters to finance his campaign $1,500 at a time.

The immediate impact of the high spending limit the party has settled on will likely be to give an added incentive to the other prospective candidates to wait for a clear signal from Jason Kenney and Peter MacKay as to their leadership intentions.

If both former ministers run, they will suck a lot of money out of the donation pool, and be well positioned to compound their front-running status by outspending the competition.

In this contest, the ability to finance a truly national campaign will be crucial.

For it will not be good enough to sign up a lot of members in a given region. Each riding — whether its membership is in the thousands or less than 50-strong — will be worth 100 points to be split among the candidates based on the percentage of their support.

In theory, a candidate could come first in the 99 ridings the party currently holds but still lose by not doing well in the 239 that are not currently represented by a Conservative MP in the House of Commons.

And if you think that is an extreme scenario, consider that, on balance, Kenney is best placed to score high in many of the Conservative-held ridings but MacKay could be an easier sell in most of the non-conservative ones.

There are of course more ways to gain from a leadership campaign than by becoming leader.

Brian Mulroney, John Turner, Jean Chrétien and Paul Martin all built subsequent leadership victories on an initial failed bid.

In a polarized contest between two front-runners, it can also be a winning strategy to start off from behind with the goal of becoming everyone's second choice.

When Dion entered the 2006 campaign, he was considered a placeholder whose sole mission was to represent Quebec in the lineup dominated by Michael Ignatieff and Bob Rae.

But for seasoned politicians, the leadership game is worth playing only if one has a reasonable chance of finishing with a score high enough to not lose face. And achieving that in the expensive Conservative environment will be costly.

POTENTIAL PAIRING If former cabinet ministers Jason Kenney and Peter MacKay both run for the leadership of the Conservative party, they could drain the donation pool and bolster their front-running positions by outspending the rest of the competition, Chantal Hébert writes.
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Under the lax rules of the past, a leadership candidate with deep pockets was able to make up for outsider status by financing her own campaign.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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Required reading for all Canadians on doctor-assisted death

We are watching the slow march towards medical-assisted death laws in Canada. But despite a looming June deadline, all is far from settled.

For years, in poll after poll, a wide majority of Canadians have supported physician-assisted death, in a very specific case: When an adult is terminally ill. The results were 67 per cent in 2011, 84 per cent in 2014 (when someone is "suffering and repeatedly asks for help to end their life"), and 77 per cent last August.

Months earlier, the Supreme Court had ruled that competent adults, facing intolerable suffering from an irremediable and grievous medical condition, have a charter right to physician-assisted death.

The Supreme Court decision was succinct, to the point of omission. It did not discuss mental illness, the rights of minors, or advance requests for an assisted death.

It left a joint Senate-Commons committee in a position to recommend detailed laws, and the committee took almost every chance to make them as broad as possible. The mentally ill and minors should be eligible, its report says, and advance requests allowed.

Those recommendations have neither the polls to prove general support from Canadians, nor the explicit foundation of a Supreme Court ruling. Four members wrote a dissenting report.

And the recommendations also don't have the support of the Canadian Medical Association, which objects to the suggested requirement that physicians "provide an effective referral for the patient."

Catholic leaders, unsurprisingly, also object. In an outraged and at times condescending tone, Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, condemned the committee's report in a letter read at masses on Sunday. "Some people" believe life has no value after a certain point, "since they cannot function as they once did," Collins wrote, and he warned compassion is "a shaky foundation for social policy."

Both statements are misleading. Compassion is not the basis for new laws — the charter is. It is not "some people" who want some kind of assisted-dying law — it is a large majority of Canadians. But Collins perhaps isn't wrong to wonder how many Canadians realize the scope of assisted dying currently on the table.

Which isn't to say the scope is too broad. I don't yet know myself where I stand on the recommendations.

But given the dramatic change upon us, perhaps now is the odd time I'll recommend you read, in full, a 60-page parliamentary report, and prepare yourself for the implications.

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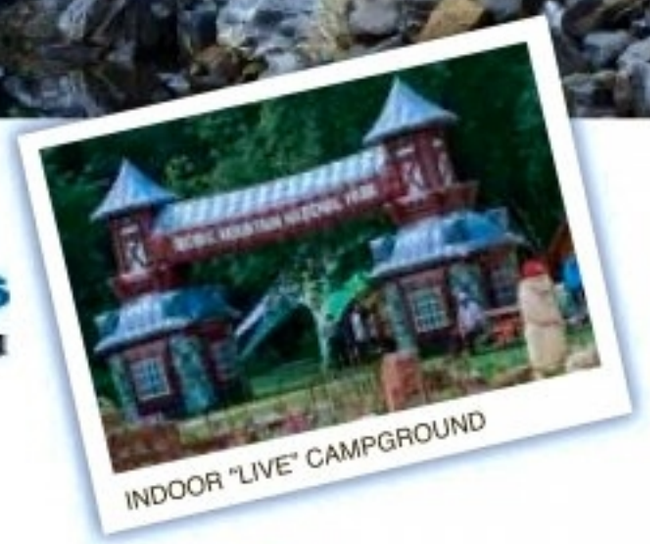

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Go get exploring at the RV show

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Outdoor enthusiasts have more reason than ever to take in this weekend's Manitoba RV Show and Sale. For the first time in its near 30-year history, the RV show is partnering with the Winnipeg Golf Expo to offer two great shows for one ticket price, all on one floor of the newly expanded RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg.

The RV Show and Sale will not only showcase the latest in RVs, from units with more living space and one, two, even three slide-outs, to the popular micro trailers (nick-named R-pods) that are built for two and can be pulled by smaller vehicles — minivans, small SUVs and the like.

"There's never been a better time to buy an RV," said show manager Dave Amey. "The industry continues to grow, and with low interest rates and cheap gas prices, pulling a trailer is even more affordable."

While an estimated 30 per cent of RV customers are empty nesters, snow birds and couples, the vast majority are families, according to Amey — those who enjoy spending vacation time together outdoors in the too-short Manitoba summers.

Owned by the local RV dealers' association, the Manitoba RV Show and Sale features the newest models and best pricing of the season plus related equipment. To that end, this year's show features a 5,000 square-foot indoor campground simulating the RV experience, complete with live trees and shrubs, singing birds and trickling water.

"We'll give people a sense of what's possible in RV living," said Amey, pointing to bicycle and camping equipment companies, among others, that will feature their wares. "And there's a strong connection between golfers and RVers, so we're excited to partner with the golf expo for an even fuller show experience."

The 2016 Manitoba RV Show and Sale runs March 10-13 from 3-9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10-7 on Saturday March 12, and 11-5 on Sunday March 13. Ladies Day Thursday allows free all day admission March 10. Tickets are $15, available at the door.

Golf Expo

The RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg (375 York Ave.) is newly renovated, and welcoming visitors with this weekend's Manitoba RV Show and Sale in conjunction with the Winnipeg Golf Expo — one of the first shows in the expanded facility.

For big events like these, the larger space allows more product to fit all on one floor of exhibit space — some 35 per cent more, according to Manitoba RV Show and Sale manager Dave Amey, who shares 135,000 square feet with the Winnipeg Golf Expo this weekend.

Those attending events at RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg will appreciate underground parking space for 560 vehicles, full wheelchair accessibility and many more updated features.

See the latest and greatest at GOLFEXPO

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It's the perfect time for the Winnipeg GOLFEXPO (Mar.10-13), where the latest products and great deals at area golf courses are on offer in the just-expanded RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg, and patrons get a great deal — the GOLFEXPO plus entry to the Manitoba RV Show and Sale.

"It's an exciting opportunity to blend resources with the RV show — it presents interesting synergies and is great for all the outdoor enthusiasts in Manitoba," says Kevin O'Donovan, show manager for the Winnipeg GOLFEXPO. That event alone routinely welcomes about 5,000 visitors, and this year features exhibitors representing 40 golf courses, destinations and equipment manufacturers.

"There's a large golf community in Manitoba wanting to see the latest and greatest in the game, so we have golf pros from PGA Manitoba on site with tips and demos, and exhibitors from across Manitoba and Minnesota, plus a Golf Town demo range with the latest in golf equipment," says O'Donovan, who is also showcasing the Olympic Golf Trophy (Friday-Sunday) before it heads to the summer Olympics in Rio.

There are promotions too — the first 1,000 paid admissions each day receive a free round of golf at an area course. Thursday night is ladies night, with free admission and instruction for female golfers. And Sunday is Juniors Day, an opportunity for those 12 and under to try the game and further their education in the sport.

"Without question, the industry wants to grow and develop the game. Golf is the number one participation sport in Canada, with some 5.7 million people playing over 60 million rounds of golf each year," O'Donovan says. "Golf used to be seen as very exclusive but that has changed–there's real interest in supporting the game from industry, and those new to the sport — women and juniors, for example. Golf is a sport for a lifetime so we want people to come to the expo and see how to get involved."

The Winnipeg GOLFEXPO runs March 10-13. Juniors 12 and under get free admission all weekend with a paid adult ($15 each).

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Questioning parenting norms

Author Heather Shumaker advocates giving children more freedom to sort out issues like sharing and rough play. ISTOCK

NEW BOOK

Heather Shumaker wants kids to run and yell

Homework? Ban it! Circle time? Not for every kindergartner. Forced sharing? How about letting a kid play with a toy until she's done?

Those are just a few of the ideas that Heather Shumaker advocates as "renegade" in a new book, It's OK to Go Up the Slide, an extension of her first parenting guide, It's OK Not to Share.

Shumaker is the mom of two boys, ages 11 and 8, in Traverse City, Mich. As a youngster, she was a student where her mother taught for 40 years in Columbus, Ohio, the unorthodox School for Young Children. Free play was encouraged and teachers did things like providing boxing gloves to children to learn how to navigate rough play.

"Children who come out of that program are unusually skilled in conflict mediation and coping with their emotions," says Shumaker, who is 48.

The new book, out in March, extends her outlook from very young children she focused on the first time around through the middle school years.

Can you talk about the gap between what we, as adults, know about kids and what we actually DO about kids?

We know a lot more about brain development and the value of play than we ever have before and yet we're kind of doing the opposite. Back when I was a kid, we didn't know much about brain development but we trusted kids more, so we were willing to trust their play. If it involved toy weapons, we were willing to go with it.

Now, we know a lot more about the benefits of free play and how that affects learning, the benefits of big-body play — running around, bicycling, yelling, wrestling, but I think there's a culture of fear.

How do parents need to reinvent parenting? You say we have to be willing to tip what we know upside down, become renegade parents.

We accept a lot of parenting habits as truth, whether it's don't talk to strangers or safety first or do your homework. These are things that we just accept as sacred mantras. These conventions become our habits generation to generation. And yet the more we learn and through some of the research, these are just plain wrong.

You talk about the importance of parents taking off their "adult lenses." Can you explain what you mean by that?

We're very good at adult amnesia, forgetting what it's really like to be a kid. So if a kid doesn't do what she's told in the kindergarten circle time, she's labelled as defiant. You know, they're not going to fit into society, they're going to become that loner that causes problems. ... We really leap to a lot of conclusions, but a kid doesn't have to do what the group's doing so long as their actions don't disrupt the group. Adults sometimes need to let kids do what they do.

You take on a lot of the hot buttons in parenting and education, such as homework, but tell us what you mean by "renegade sharing," especially in a school setting?

A lot adults will set a timer, say five minutes and then it's Joey's turn, or just take a toy out of a child's hands and say, you've had this long enough, now be nice and share with your friend. This makes the kid feel rotten. We're doing it to encourage generosity and awareness of others and all those good things but it actually backfires and delays that development of generosity. What you want is for a kid to share when you're not looking, because it feels good and they want to internally. That happens when they have some control and when they feel that rush of good feelings.

Tell them you can play with that as long as you want, until you're done. It protects that right. It works well even with 2-year-olds because it's simple, it's fair, it's easy and the kids get it. Now, kids learn really early to say, she's not sharing, in that whiny voice, and they know that means instant gratification and adults will swoop in.

Another one of your topics is the idea of sharing "sad stories" with kids. At what age, to what degree?

A lot of story books for children are being sanitized, where the gingerbread boy does not get eaten by a fox anymore. They sit down and they're friends. This doesn't seem satisfying to kids. They know something's not quite right.

Adults are scared of those feelings. They want to spare kids sorrow, all those difficult feelings - fear, anger. They want this generation to be where everybody is peaceful and friendly. The perfect generation. But that's not reality. They feel these feelings anyway and they need to have that reflected in stories around them. You can mix them in. Not everything has to be doom and gloom, but if a child is old enough to ask about sad things, she's old enough to get an honest answer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Police shootings influencing crime genre

BLACK LIVES MATTER

Fiction writers taking a page from today's racial tensions

Walter Mosley, best known for Devil in the Blue Dress and other novels featuring the black detective Easy Rawlins says he has been working on a new book. It's about a former New York City policeman investigating the shooting of two officers by a black man. The investigator then learns that the officers had tried to kill the man first.

"In the end he realizes that he has to come to some kind of understanding about how the system works, that his own sense of law and justice is never going to work for him," says Mosley, who is calling the novel Detective, Heal Thyself.

The wave of police violence that helped launch the Black Lives Matter movement is also influencing a genre that captured tensions between police and non-white communities well before the rise of social media and cellphone videos.

Publishers and writers say that story lines known to readers of Mosley, Eleanor Taylor Bland or Gary Phillips, will likely become more common and intense.

"This particular issue has long and faithfully been represented in crime fiction," said Joshua Kendall, editor-in-chief of the crime fiction imprint Mulholland Books.

"It's simply that much of the fiction has been overlooked, just as the actual rate of abuse overlooked by media until now. That said, we need and want more fiction about it. The curiosity, concern and appetite seem to have finally grown."

But crime fiction is no more diverse than much of the book world and, at least in the near future, many narratives that take on race will likely come from white authors such as David Baldacci, Ben Winters and Trudy Nan Boyce. Baldacci's novel The Last Mile, scheduled for April, tells of a black man on death row and the likelihood he was wrongly convicted.

Kendall is, however, trying to change the visibility of black writers. He has agreed to a multi-book deal with Attica Locke and says he is looking to sign up other black writers.

Phillips, who set his 1994 novel Violent Spring in the aftermath of the Los Angeles police beating of Rodney King, said he was hoping that younger authors such as Aaron Philip Clark and Desiree Zamorano would tell stories reflecting more recent events.

"The old days of the PI with just a file and an address and a sexy secretary are long dead," said the 60-year-old author.

"Back in the 1980s and '90s writers like me and Walter Mosley and Paula Woods pushed the envelope forward and looked at different issues. I think the younger folks will do even better pushing it forward more. You have writers in this field who are going to be able to use things like Ferguson and what's happening on college campuses."

"Everyone knows of Walter Mosley, and there have been other excellent black crime writers published in recent years, such as Paula Woods," says Mark Tavani, vice-president and executive editor of G.P. Putnam's Sons.

"But in my experience these writers are a small percentage of those I see. As the larger discussion about race and justice engages more people, I can see that changing." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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> Gary Phillips, author

Devil in the Blue Dress author Walter Mosley's latest novel centres around racism and the justice system. RICK MAIMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

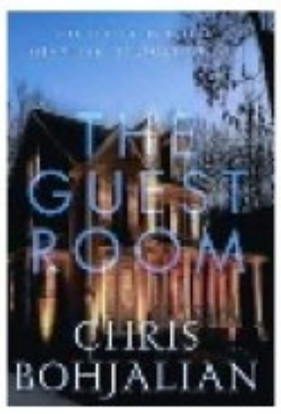
BOOKS ABOUT FAMILIES

When family members come together, the results can be explosive. Here are six new reads about family relationships that pack an emotional punch. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Good Goodbye
Carla Buckley

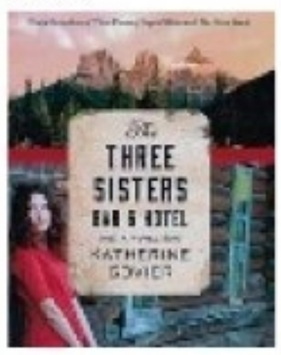
The novel begins when Natalie, a Washington restaurateur, learns her daughter, Arden, and niece, Rory, have been hospitalized following a fire in the college town where they live. Another student is dead. As the arson investigation unfolds, Natalie discovers disturbing facts.

The Guest Room
Chris Bohjalian



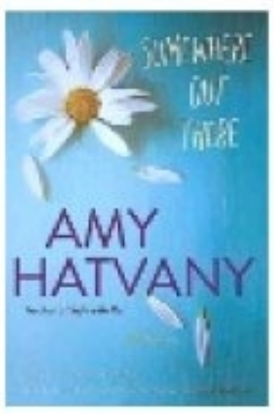
Richard, a mergers and acquisitions guy, agrees to host his younger brother's bachelor party, complete with two strippers and a couple of Russian bodyguards. At the end of the evening, the Russians are dead and the strippers have fled.

The Three Sisters Bar and Hotel
Katherine Govier

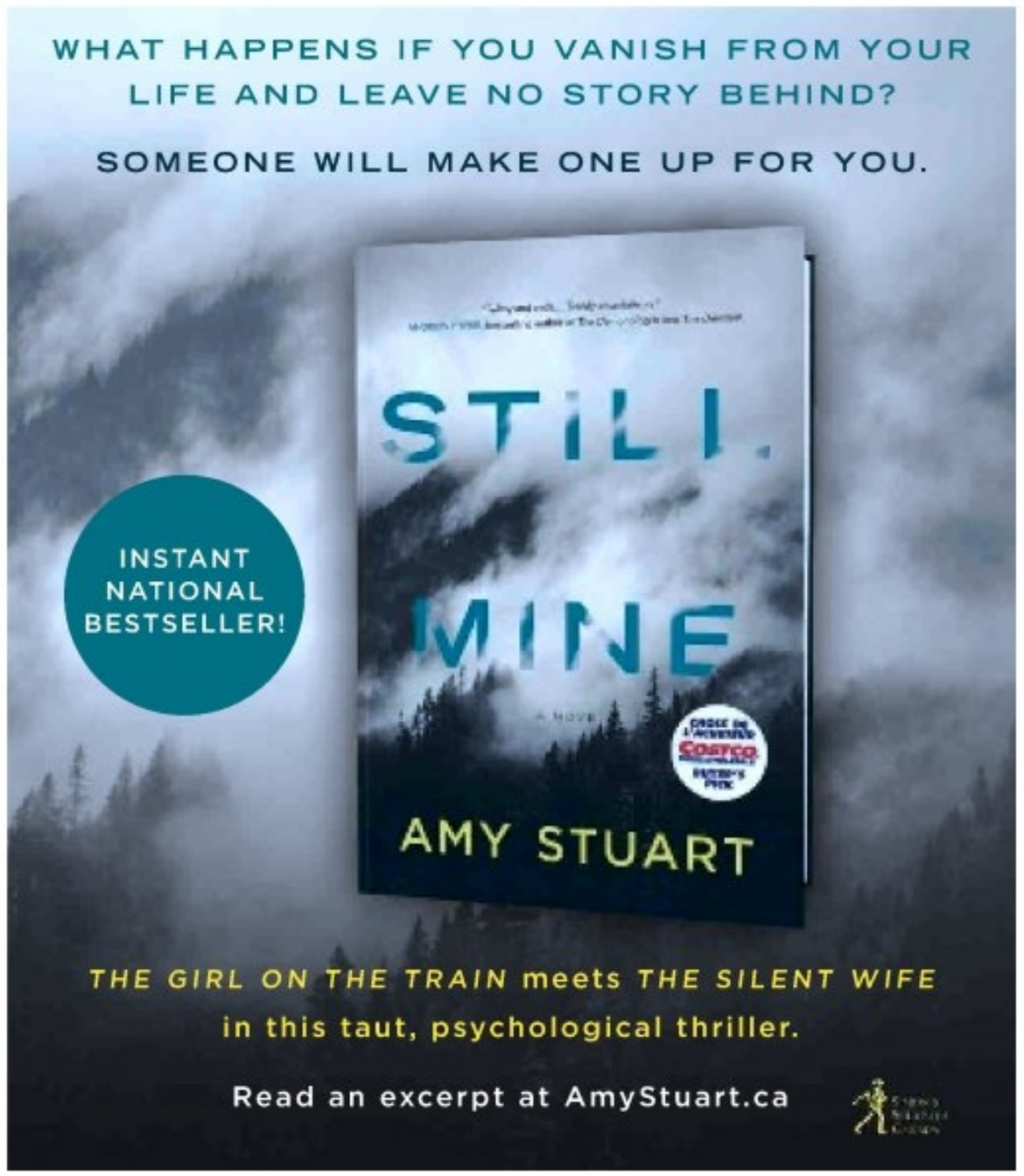


The big question at the heart of this sweeping saga concerns the fate of the Hodgsons — an archeologist, his wife and two adult children — who disappear during an expedition at the beginning of the book.

Somewhere Out There
Amy Hatvany



In 1980, Jennifer was living in her car with two small daughters, Natalie, 6 months, and Brooke, 4, and pilfering food to feed them. When she is caught and incarcerated, the children are taken from her. It picks up the lives of the mother and daughters 35 years later.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Butcher's Hook makes for a gory debut

JANET ELLIS

From sunny kids TV show host to dark gothic novelist

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If you grew up in the U.K. during the past five decades, it's likely that you were weaned on the iconic BBC kids program Blue Peter. It's also likely that you're familiar with its one-time presenter, Janet Ellis, who has spent her career since the age of 21 in front of the camera.

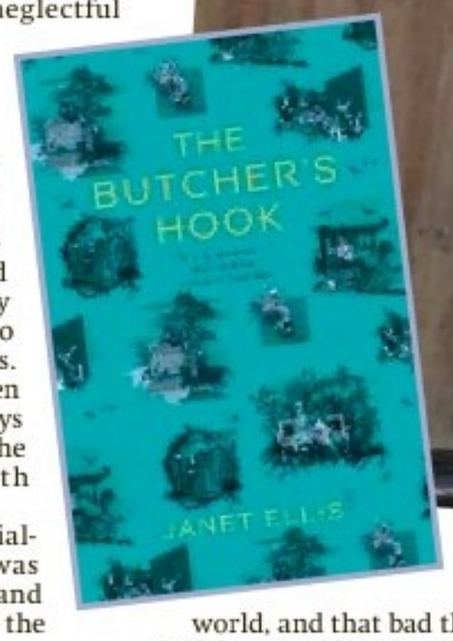
But now, at 60 years old, Ellis has found a new role as debut novelist with her book The Butcher's Hook, published in Canada with House of Anansi Press.

Set in 18th-century Georgian London, the dark, Gothic tale is not what you'd expect from a former kids' show host, or the lovely, charming woman who interrupts her sunny vacation in Lisbon to take a media call.

The Butcher's Hook follows Anne, a clever, unsentimental young woman whose sheltered but emotionally neglectful upbringing has made her ruthlessly independent and calculating. When Anne falls in love with Fub, the butcher's son, she demonstrates, in a particularly bloody and violent way, exactly how far she'll go to get what she desires.

Ellis, who has been writing for years, says that the idea for the novel started with Anne's character.

"All I knew initially was that she was unhappy, lonely, and really shut off from the world, and that bad things had happened to her," says Ellis, who read contemporary diaries — including her own, from the ages of eight to 16 — to authentically capture the self-occupied inner life of a teenager.



"There were things happening in the world but I never worried about them," she says. "It was more about going to choir practice and there being a boy who didn't fancy me anymore."

The Georgian era, which lends the book its dark atmosphere, also allowed Ellis to create a world for Anne in which gender and class divides ruled the day, but without the broader political or social influences that would have dominated, for instance, the Victorian era.

"I think I had a predilection for the Georgian times. I live in London and you can see it around the places where the Victorians didn't come in and stomp their feet loudly," she says. "Communication was just starting to build up, and most people were still uneducated. Everyone in the book acts like they do despite history, they're not informed about what's happening in the world."

When Ellis's agent first presented The Butcher's Hook, it was done so under a pseudonym, out of concern that publishers would be expecting a YA novel or a story as wholesome as Blue Peter's reputation.

Despite the anonymity, the manuscript inspired a small bidding war, which resulted in a two-book deal for Ellis (she is currently at work on a second novel, set during the 1970s.)

"I love everything I've done in the past, but the book is me," she says. "The fact that it was alone in the world on its own for a while is hugely rewarding."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

> **I love everything I've done in the past, but the book is me**
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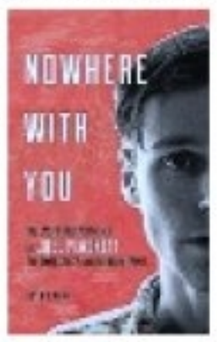
4 Books that are all about the tunes

Ranging from late '90s CanCon, to tone deafness, to an NPR legend, to Kanye vs. Swift, these four new books are for the music lovers out there. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Nowhere With You

Josh O'Kane (ECW, April 1)

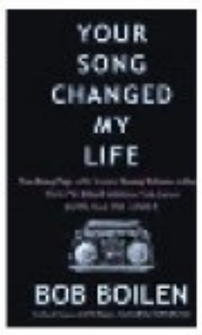
Joel Plaskett is a Canadian music legend, and this book, subtitled The East Coast Anthems of Joel Plaskett, The Emergency and Thrush Hermit, features original interviews, exclusive photos and a look at the Haligonian's early days as part of the band Thrush Hermit — everything you need to get to know him.



Your Song Changed My Life

Bob Boilen (HarperCollins, April 12)

For music fans, Bob Boilen is a legend — the host of NPR's All Songs Considered and Tiny Desk Concerts, he's come up with a history of modern music as told by musicians, including Carrie Brownstein, Dave Grohl, Trey Anastasio and Michael Stipe.



Bad Singer

Tim Falconer (Anansi, May 14)

A slightly different type of music title, in this one, subtitled The Surprising Science of Tone Deafness and How We Hear Music, journalist Falconer sets out to sing in public. To do so, he must overcome his lifelong affliction of tone-deafness — and that means understanding it. So get ready to take a journey into the theories, then putting them into practice.

Your Favorite Band is Killing Me

Steven Hyden (Back Bay Books, May 17)

How often have you argued for your favourite band and snubbed others that have equally passionate fans? Music writer Steven Hyden is out with this tome that takes a look at some of the greatest music rivalries and what they say about the meaning of life (quirk theory, anyone?).

LAWSUIT

Gawker boss in court over Hogan sex video

Gawker Media founder Nick Denton testified Wednesday that his gossip website decided to post a Hulk Hogan sex video because "it showed Hogan as a person."

Denton was in the courtroom Wednesday afternoon, but attorneys for Hogan played his video testimony recorded in a 2013 deposition. Denton said in the deposition that "it's up to others to determine the boundaries of accepted social, journalistic and legal norms."

Hogan and his attorneys sent Denton a cease and desist order but Denton didn't take down the video post because he said he thought it was newsworthy.

Hogan, whose given name is Terry Bollea, is suing Gawker Media for $100 million for posting the edited video showing him having sex with his then-best friend's wife. Hogan has said he didn't know he was being filmed when the video was made.

Jurors also heard from Mike Foley, a University of Florida journalism professor. Foley questioned Gawker's decision not to contact Hogan, the woman in the video or the woman's husband when it posted the video.

Foley said in his opinion, the sex video was an example of "undue intrusiveness."

> **I know some like to call it viral, but in this case, it was cancer.**
> Hogan's attorney David Houston

On Wednesday morning, Gawker reporter A.J. Daulerio said that when he received the Hogan sex video in the mail it was "very amusing" and that he thought it was newsworthy.

Gawker says the publication was a legitimate scoop because Hogan is a public figure who had talked openly about his sex life before, in forums such as Howard Stern's radio show.

Hogan's attorney, David Houston, was also called to the stand Wednesday. He described how he sent Gawker a cease and desist letter to take the video down, and then how the video began showing up on other websites.

"I know some like to call it viral, but in this case, it was cancer," he said.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Bad blood between family

THE SHOW: Bloodline, Season 1, Episode 8 (Netflix)
THE MOMENT: The phone number

Mendelsohn plays a self-destructive sibling in Bloodline, one willing to drag family members down with him. CONTRIBUTED

Two brothers drink in a bar in the Florida Keys, where they grew up, and still live. Responsible brother John (Kyle Chandler, always so natural) once betrayed ne'er-do-well Danny (Australian star Ben Mendelsohn), but they're reconciling. Or so we think.

John, dead drunk, checks out a hot blonde. "How many years have you been f—ing the same woman now?" Danny asks — genially, but with a knife-edge in it.

"That's not funny," John replies. Beat. "17." They laugh.

Slowly, subtly, Danny poisons the evening. Did John know that Danny and John's wife once "had a moment?" Is John jealous of how easily Danny picks up women?

As John watches, Danny approaches the blonde, gets her number. Then he comes back — and slips it into John's pocket. "You never know when you're going to need it," he purrs.

Oooohhhh. In just a few episodes, Mendelsohn, the best actor you may not have heard of, has made Danny into a TV anti-hero right up there with Tony Soprano and Walter White. He's the cat and we're the canary. One minute, he'll show us why he is the way he is, and get us to empathize with him. The next he'll pounce, grin full of feathers.

The other Rayburn siblings — Kevin (Broadway staple Norbert Leo Butz) and Meg (Linda Cardellini) — are equally fantastic. Together they elevate every scene until, like sunburn, it both sizzles and chills.

Gators may lurk in this paradise, but Bloodline proves there's nothing more dangerous than a volatile family member.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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MEET THE CONDO

CURRENTBEND

A jewel in Rivergrove

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Project overview

The Rivergrove neighbourhood has blossomed into a full-service area that delivers all the conveniences of city life with a hint of country living at your doorstep. Currentbend at the River couldn't be in a better spot for those who love active living and natural areas plus entertainment, shopping and services all within walking distance.

Housing amenities

All units feature kitchen islands with quartz countertops, nine-foot ceilings, large windows and six energy-efficient appliances. They include water-conserving fixtures and double glazed, argon-filled windows and balcony doors to keep energy bills low. There's heated indoor parking, a fitness facility and an entertaining space with a cozy fireplace.

Location and transit

Tucked inside the Rivergrove neighbourhood, Currentbend at the River is a short walk to Main Street where transit connections abound. A 15-minute ride delivers residents downtown. It's one block north of the Chief Peguis Bridge for quick access to the eastern points of the city. The Perimeter Highway is minutes away to the north.

In the neighbourhood

It's easy to get lost in nature thanks to mature tree-lined walking trails that snake along the Red River. Kildonan Park has toboggan hills in winter and endless attractions in summer, from soccer matches to simple strolls through the vast flower gardens. There's an outdoor pool, playground, Rainbow Stage and Kildonan Park Golf Course. SHEL ZOLKEWICH/FOR METRO

NEED TO KNOW

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INDIVIDUALITY

You already know one of the Pantone custom-colour owners ...

Barbie has her own colour (pink). So does Tiffany (blue), but rare is the individual who cares deeply enough about a shade to have one custom made.

At the Pantone Color Institute, the privilege doesn't come cheap. It can cost tens of thousands of dollars for the company to come up with just the right one. So why would an actual person, rather than a business, even bother? Only two, at least in the Pantone client books, actually have.

Jay Z was the first, back in 2007. He introduced his Jay Z pearly blue — mixed with platinum dust — on a limited edition GM Yukon Denali later that year in Detroit. The head of a marketing firm he was working with brought along a piece of the hip hop mogul's motorcycle as a guide when meeting with Pantone.

Blue (daughter Blue Ivy, blue jewels, blue jackets, the Blueprint albums) had been a favourite, but his Pantone colour code name is confidential, said Laurie Pressman, a Pantone vice-president.

Who else has the colourhonour with Jay Z? Her name is Sherry Chris, president and chief executive of a New Jersey real estate firm, Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate. She used a scarf at Pantone for her bright pink in 2011 and Chris couldn't be prouder of her colour card: SC2011.

Jay Z and Sherry Chris are the only two people who have their own Pantone custom colour. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

So what do they get besides a card and a code? They get formulas. How many and for what uses depends on what they want to do. Consistency over different fabrications, from paper stock for stationery to fabrics for fashion to paint to metal, is key.

"Both of them were very clear on what they wanted in their signature shades," Pressman said. "When somebody comes with a very clear idea of what they're looking for, that shade definitely has meaning for them."

Pantone has a vast colour wheel, but you can forget finding "Jay Z Blue" or SC2011 in any swatch or Pantone colour guide available for public consumption.

"Some people are really strict about that to the point where we're not even allowed to share that we work with them on the development of that colour," she said.

But Pressman has plenty of ways to describe Jay's blue, a combination of sky and cobalt.

"I would describe that shade as a mesmerizing blue. There's a pearlescent quality to that blue. There's a magnetic quality to that blue. It's a happy blue. It's an optimistic blue," she said. "It was pretty smooth sailing with Jay Z."

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INTERIORS

Four on-trend designs

1 Eclectic textiles
Textiles with pronounced and interesting textures are in the spotlight for spring 2016. Beacon Hill's new Abstract Velvets collection plays with animal prints and floral motifs, in rich jewelled hues.

2 Impressionist florals
This comfortable chair upholstered in an Impressionist watercolour blue print by Boston Interiors hits all the style points for spring 2016.

3 Finding Joy
Designer Joy Cho has partnered with Target on a lighthearted collection of decor and bedding for home and nursery. Her colour palette, a frothy mix of on-trend sophisticated pastels, works well on interesting pieces like this acrylic waterfall table scattered with contemporary dots.

4 Tie one on
Shibori-style tie dyed textiles, like this Blue Slanted tie-dye pillow from Dot & Bo, are trending this spring as global design, and a strong trend toward blue, merge.

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Put some spring in your design step

Fun abounds in springtime collections, like Joy' Cho's latest collection for Target. HANDOUT

RENEWAL

Pastels, hot pink and bright white trending

For some people, spring cleaning entails not much more than a good shake of the carpets. For others, it's an excuse to update their decor.

Here's a sampling of this season's new palettes, patterns and styles:

Colours

Neither boring nor drab, new neutrals are about bringing home a sense of calm and comfort. Some pastels are chalkier, like sorbet that's been given a whisk of cream. Then there are the organic hues of earth, sky and water.

We see neutrals most often in minimalist decor, like an unglazed, branch-shaped pitcher at CB2 the colour of a stormy sea, or Ikea's trim Mostorp media unit in a soft, rosy hue. Even Le Creuset is offering its signature cast ironware in pale pink and lemon.

Los Angeles designer Joy Cho's new collection at Target is filled with fun, frothy pieces like an acrylic side table covered in polka dots, animal figurines in little party hats, and printed throw pillows and wall art saying, "You're okay." Warm neutrals — peach, blush, putty, mint and charcoal — contribute to the airy, feel-good vibe.

West Elm has partnered with Roar + Rabbit design studio on a home collection that includes a sexy, midcentury-modern swivel chair dressed in shades called lichen, nickel or dusky blush velvet.

The energy shifts with several bold hues that ride the current retro wave. Turquoise, acid yellow, emerald, pink and red are showing up, mostly in accessories and textiles.

Kirstin Hoffman, merchandising director for online decor retailer Dot & Bo, says hot pinks are trending: "Whether they're incorporated in an accent chair or a planter, the look instantly adds energy to a room."

A range of new baking items and dish towels at Crate & Barrel come in a yellow as cheery as a sunny-side-up egg.

And you'll be seeing lots of lush, green, tropical motifs for spring and summer. Beautiful blues — sapphire, navy and a variety of turquoises, teals and pale blues — are strong players on the spring palette. Wisteria has a settee in a rich jewel tone, while Ikea's got new loveseat covers in deep and delicate blues. Boston Interiors' Conrad chair is upholstered in a watercolour-blue abstract, while Farrow & Ball has added some lush hues, including Vardo, a teal, and Inchyra Blue, a dramatic blue-grey.

White — which Benjamin Moore named colour of the year — is also trending. The timing's perfect, says Kimberly Winthrop of Laurel & Wolf: "Bright white is spring cleaning in its truest sense. There'll be a lot of focus this year on incorporating whites with natural elements and textures into one's space."

Consider painting an existing piece of furniture, bringing in side tables or lighting, or changing window coverings to white.

On the surface

Surfaces are the focus in distressed rugs, textured throw pillows, and relief-patterned and pin-tucked textiles and wall coverings.

Printed, dyed velvets with flora or fauna-inspired patterns are luxe and painterly; Kevin O'Brien and Beacon Hill have collections.

Some furniture designs play with layers and lines. West Elm has a mirror named Tree Ring that fuses mirrored glass with a slice of Vietnamese hardwood. An Indian pouf at the retailer is crafted from chunks of jute and cotton like a 3-D rag rug.

Cork has popped up in lots of new decor. Accessories in particular lend themselves to the sustainable material's pleasant feel, but it's in furniture now, too. Ikea's new Sinnerlig collection from London designer Ilse Crawford includes stools and benches with cork seats, as well as coffee and dining tables. Cork lampshades at AllModern and Luxe Decor throw a warm light. And check out 1stDibs, Chairish and eBay for '70s-era vintage cork table lamps.

Metallics aren't going away, says Chicago interior designer Mikel Welch. But warmer versions are overtaking the chillier chromes and silvers.

"This spring, we'll begin to see a twist added," he says.

Mod and modern

On the heels of the midcentury revival, some retailers are banking on the 1980s Italian postmodernist style known as Memphis to be the next big thing. Characterized by bold geometric designs and often clashing colours, it's not for the faint of heart.

Musician Lenny Kravitz has collaborated with CB2 on a furniture collection inspired by '70s-era New York club culture and the California music scene. A white lacquered media cabinet with brushed steel doors and a round, walnut-topped, white coffee table with concealed storage are standout pieces. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The Toronto Maple Leafs will host the Detroit Red Wings in the Centennial Classic outdoors at BMO Field in Toronto on Jan. 1, 2017

Earning his wings

NHL

Scheifele taking off as Winnipeg's No. 1 centre

Mark Scheifele recorded his first NHL hat trick last Saturday. MARIANNE HELM/GETTY IMAGES

At an age when many young boys would be content to spend hours playing with toy cars or action figures, Mark Scheifele was already focusing on his future.

The Winnipeg Jets centre's father chuckles when he recalls a memory of Scheifele's childhood days that was a sign of things to come.

"He would sit in this big white chair in the living room, eating his cereal as he was watching SportsCentre," Brad Scheifele said this week from the family home in Kitchener, Ont.

"He loved to follow sports, and it wasn't just hockey, it was all different sports. If it came between playing with toys or playing with puzzles or anything like that, he would sooner want to be the goalie and we would have to shoot tennis balls at him. And, of course, he'd say, 'Another hundred shots, dad.'"

These days, it's his dad, mom Mary Lou, older siblings Kyle and Janelle and countless relatives who are watching Mark on the TV screen.

Last week was a special moment for Scheifele's parents as he recorded his first NHL hat trick in a 4-2 home victory over the Montreal Canadiens that was shown on Hockey Night in Canada.

"We were jumping up and down. Even the dog was barking at the television," said Brad, who co-owns a bus tour company. "It was so exciting, and it brings tears to your eyes, too."

You could say his son is also in the driver's seat, slotted in as Winnipeg's No. 1 centre since Bryan Little was sidelined after fracturing a vertebrae on Feb. 18.

Since then, Scheifele has eight goals and 13 points in nine games and was named the NHL's second star of the week on Monday. He's taking a five-game point streak into the team's Thursday game in Detroit.

His career-high 21 goals and 42 points in 55 games isn't just due to his natural skills. The six-foot-three, 207-pound admitted "hockey nerd" approaches the game like a science — literally.

Scheifele, who turns 23 on March 15, began training at the Gary Roberts High Performance Centre in Aurora, Ont., the summer before his 2013-14 rookie season.

Roberts, who played 21 NHL seasons, takes a holistic approach with his athletes. Six days a week in the summer, athletes follow tailored training and nutrition programs. DNA testing even figures out how their bodies best digest certain foods. Chefs prepare their meals and give them plans for the season.

Scheifele has been all-in, asking the chefs to explain ingredients and how they're cooked. He even has special mineral-packed Italian bottled water shipped to his Winnipeg home.

"I think the reason he's having success is he's a prime example of a guy who is very, very disciplined and consistent in his routine," Roberts said.

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> **He's the hardest working, most humble, dedicated man I know.**
> Dara Howell, Scheifele's girlfriend

CURLING

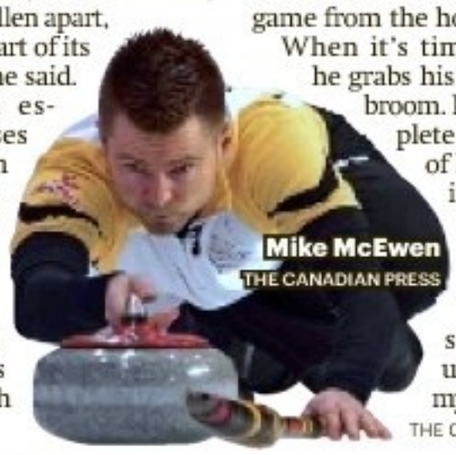
McEwen refuses to brush off old broom

If you look closely at Mike McEwen's one-of-a-kind corn broom, you can just barely see the bristles between the layers of tape.

The Manitoba skip has modified it to his personal liking since finding it in the family garage over 15 years ago.

"It's been chopped off, it's been shortened, it's been drilled, it's almost fallen apart, the tape is part of its structure," he said.

McEwen essentially uses the broom for balance as he leaves the hack. He holds it with his left hand and throws stones with his right.



Mike McEwen
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"We used to sweep the snow off cars with it," he said with a laugh. "I took it and then I modified it and my dad got mad at me because he probably thought he was going to use it at some point."

McEwen, who's making his Tim Hortons Brier debut this week in Ottawa, uses a modern broom when he's calling the game from the house.

When it's time to throw, he grabs his vintage corn broom. It comes complete with a piece of leather glued into the tip to help keep it compact.

"It's cool to have something unique all to myself," he said.

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IN BRIEF

Wild double up Moose

The Iowa Wild made it clear who deserves to sit in last place in the AHL, completing the two-game sweep over the Manitoba Moose with a 4-2 win at MTS Centre on Wednesday night.

The Wild (21-33-3-4), whose 2-1 victory over Manitoba (18-33-4-5) on Monday brought them out of the league cellar spot with a .392 points percentage, took advantage of a depleted Moose roster, outshooting their opponent 41-20 in a chippy affair.

Former Manitoba Moose 1.0 defenceman Maxime Fortunus scored and added a pair of helpers for the Wild, while Rob Bordson had a goal and an assist.

Goaltender Connor Hellebuyck was pulled in favour of Eric Comrie after allowing four goals on 18 shots. Comrie was perfect, finishing with 23 saves in just 27:23 of work.

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HOCKEY

Heritage Classic will finally link the old Jets to the new Jets

VIEW FROM THE 300S
Andrew 'Hustler' Paterson

Winnipeg Jets fans have been focused on next year for a while now in this lost season. Draft lottery odds and NHL debuts for rookies have been the daily conversation among Jets Nation as of late. So it was somewhat ironic that on the day Winnipeg got a chance to see the NHL's newest rookie superstar play his first game in MTS Centre, all anyone could talk about was the old days of Jets 1.0 and the WHA.

Sunday afternoon, Billy Daly of the NHL officially announced the Jets will be playing host the 2016 Heritage Classic against the Edmonton Oilers Oct. 23 at Investors Group Field. That was just the start of it.

As part of the weekend's events, Saturday will include an alumni game at IGF featuring some of the greatest players ever to wear the jerseys of the Jets and the Oilers, captained by Hall of Famers Dale Hawerchuk and Wayne Gretzky.

Hawerchuk and Gretzky didn't just say yes to being a part of the event, but are taking ownership of the alumni game to make it truly memorable for all involved. Gretzky announced he would be bringing most of his teammates from the '80s Oilers dynasty including Mark Messier, Paul Coffey, Kevin Lowe and Dave Semenko. Hawerchuk already has a commitment from the legendary Teemu Selanne, a nice start for the Jets alumni roster.

> **OLD SCHOOL**
> Immediately after the announcement of their involvement, both Gretzky and Hawerchuk were hearing from old teammates and even coaches about being a part of the alumni game.

The outpouring of excitement from Winnipeg fans was not unexpected. An outdoor NHL event featuring our Jets right here in Winnipeg at our beautiful stadium was a huge announcement. But even more telling was the first real connection of the new Jets franchise to the Jets of the past.

True North had a massive job in establishing its new franchise in 2011. As the team returned, it was all about the new Jets with almost total avoidance of anything Jets pre-1996.

The lack of any connection between the new and old Jets did rankle some fans and made many others wonder why. Now we know. This is the way to do it.

The Heritage Classic will finally bring our city's hockey history together with our present and future in an event that will be truly unforgettable for fans of many generations, not to mention the players who wore the old jerseys.

Now if Hawerchuk and the Jets can just finally find a way to beat Gretzky and the Oilers. Better late than never.

Crossword

OMG: IKEA'S BILLIONAIRE FOUNDER A FAN OF FLEA MARKETS

Frugal billionaire Ingvar Kamprad, founder of Ikea, buys his clothes at flea markets to save money, he said in a documentary to be broadcast Wednesday on Swedish television.

Kamprad, who turns 90 on March 30, has a reputation for penny-pinching, which he claims helped Ikea to become one of the world's top brand names.

"I don't think I'm wearing anything that wasn't bought at a flea market. It means that I want to set a good example," he told Swedish channel TV4, according to business daily Dagens Industri which viewed the documentary.

"It's in the nature of Smaland to be thrifty," he said, referring to Sweden's southern agricultural region where he comes from.

Kamprad is estimated to have an accumulated fortune of about 610 billion kroner (about 65.5 billion euros, $96.6 billion CAD), according to recent Swedish media reports. But it is difficult to separate what belongs to him, what belongs to his children and what is held in a family foundation in one of Europe's most infamous tax havens, Liechtenstein.

In 2006, the American business magazine Forbes listed him as the fourth richest person in the world.

Kamprad's modest spending habits have made headlines over the years. In 2008, he told newspaper Sydsvenskan that a 22-euro bill in the Netherlands had broken his barbering budget.

"Normally, I try to get my hair cut when I'm in a developing country. Last time it was in Vietnam," Kamprad explained. AFP

ACROSS

1. The ____ Never Stops
4. When your ex-boyfriend has intimate photos of you
5. When you send your ex-boyfriend to jail for blackmail
6. When your ex-boyfriend gets out of jail

DOWN

2. When your brother gets your ex-boyfriend fired
3. When your ex-boyfriend comes for revenge
4. Weeknights at 7:30 on CBC

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Life may be challenging but you can make things easier on yourself by not taking it too seriously. Look at the bigger picture: one hundred years from now what will any of it matter?

Taurus April 21 - May 21
The Sun in the friendship area of your chart urges you to get together with people who share your outlook on life. You'll have fun and find ways to make the world a better place.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Some Geminis are ambitious and some are not but all Geminis like to be noticed. Today will give you the opportunity to step into the spotlight. Unveil your special talent and put on a show.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you feel stuck in the same old place, with the same old people, doing the same old things then it's time to break free. A vacation is a good idea, but if you cannot travel right now you can start making plans.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
What matters most to you in life? Is it money? Success? Creative fulfilment? Whatever the answer to that question may be you have to make it central to what you are doing.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Look back over the past six months at the progress you've made. Most likely you've come a long way but there is still further to go before your aims. Keep striding.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
With the Sun moving through the wellbeing area of your chart you need to slow down. If your body is giving you signals that it could use a rest you must heed the warning.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
There's a spring in your step and a smile on your face. Recent events may have been tough but everything is coming easy to you now. There's no limit to how far you can go.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You like to keep your standards high but sometimes you can expect too much of yourself. Today's cosmic influences suggest that you need to let go of unrealistic expectations, both of yourself and others.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Think positive and believe that everything will work out for the best — and it will. Nothing is so bad that it cannot be improved by the way you choose to deal with it.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Life moves in cycles and the cycle you are going through at the moment may be a bit disruptive, but it's really no big deal. You have handled far bigger challenges in the past and will do so again in the future.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
The positive effects of yesterday's eclipse will linger for a few days, so get out and show the world what you can do. By the end of the week you'll look, feel and act like a new person.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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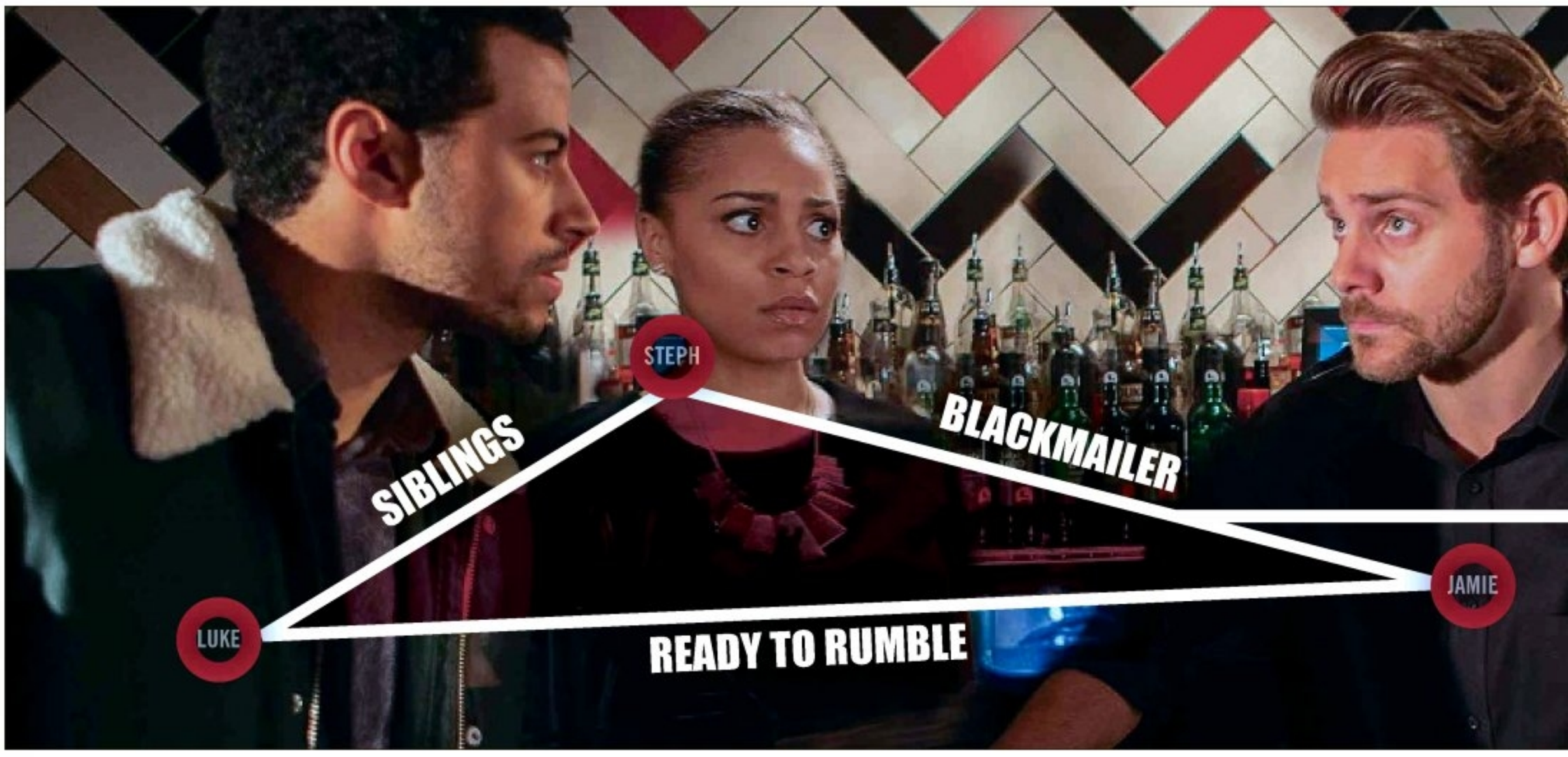

RECIPE Fancy Tuna Wrap

PHOTO(S): WARREN WEBSTER

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Do you already know this day is going to run late? No worries, tonight's dinner is going to be on your plate in 10 minutes. It's a wrap, but with protein, veggies and a grain, it's also a perfectly complete meal.

Ready in
Prep time: 5 minutes
Total time: 10 minutes
Serves 2

Ingredients
- 1 can tuna, packed in water (5 oz)
- 1 stem of celery, chopped fine
- 3 or 4 cherry tomatoes, chopped
- 1 or 2 Tbsp mayonnaise
- 2 tortillas
- 1 carrot, grated
- 1/2 avocado, sliced

Directions
1. In a bowl, mix tuna, celery, tomatoes and mayonnaise.
2. Lay your tortillas on a work surface. Spoon a stripe of tuna mixture down the middle of each tortilla. Now lay down a strip of the grated carrot, right next to the tuna. Place slices of avocado right next to the carrot.
3. Wrap one side of the tortilla over the other. Now tuck in the sides and keep rolling so everything is snuggly inside.
4. Slice the tortilla in half and serves with a side of mixed greens.

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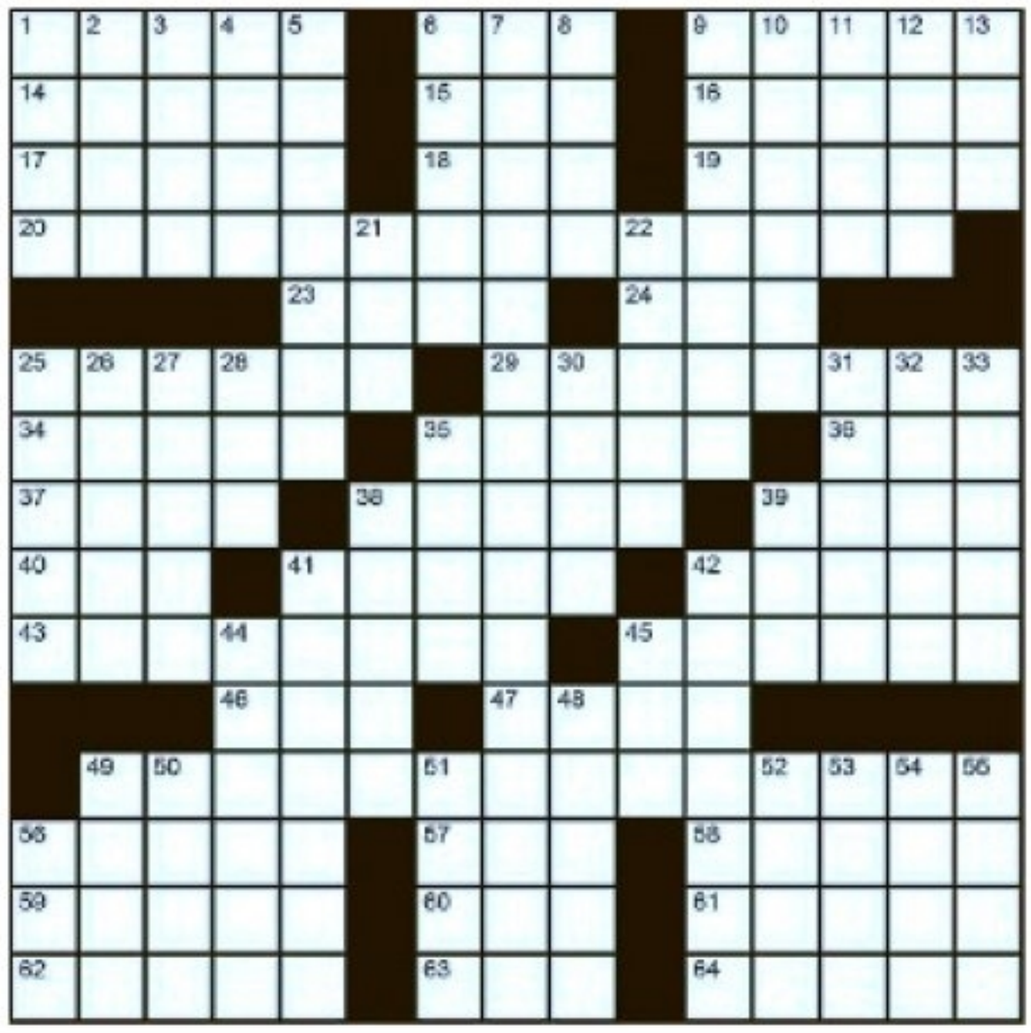
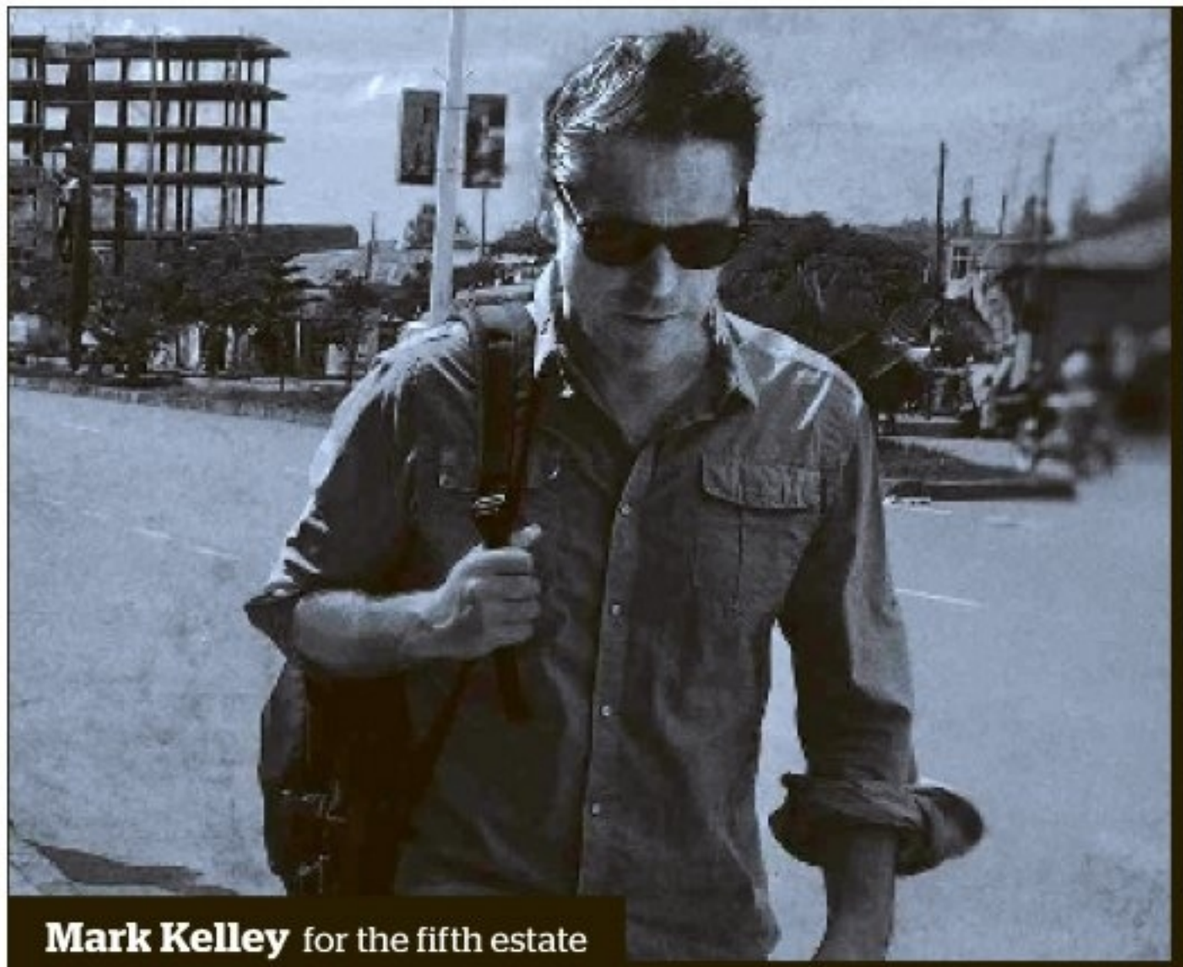
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. D-Day beach
6. Mel's Diner waitress
9. "Rock You" Canadian hard rock band
14. Cheque recipient
15. Knock
16. Architectural arch
17. Domains
18. Goat's hair garment
19. Monsters
20. Cartoon series for one-sibling-born-in-Canada production company Warner Bros.: 2 wds.
23. Happy dance
24. Giant's ickypoo cry!
25. Canadian __ Awards (Sunday, March 13th, 2016 on CBC)
29. Emergency transport at sea
34. Checkmate game
35. Celebrations
36. Seven, fancy-style
37. Bewitched
38. Wishful person
39. Faxed
40. Operate
41. Barbarians
42. Infectious
43. Operatic singing style: 2 wds.
45. Spunk
46. Amer. currency
47. Swerve
49. Ferociously-spinning creature on #20-Across: 2 wds.
56. Mediterranean island
57. HS subject
58. Sphere
59. Not at all pleased
60. Mr. Frehley of Kiss
61. Mr. Macdonald, and namesakes (Host of #25-Across)
62. Polynesian language
63. 'P' in MPH
64. Musical qualities

DOWN
1. Canned meat
2. 'Soft' suffix (Computer-user's purchase)
3. __ and terminer
4. Bring up
5. Gowan hit: "Moonlight __"
6. Entrap
7. Quebec's nickname: 3 mots
8. Gem of Australia
9. They have drawstrings whilst basic sweatshirts don't
10. Yolky/shelly more-y
11. Read: French
12. Burl of "East of Eden" (1955)
13. Letters like the last letter of #9-Across' answer
21. Verse-writer's 'dusk'
22. Bid
25. Scour
26. Comic actor Chevy
27. Force back
28. "C'__ la vie!"
30. 'Favour' suffixes
31. Deflect
32. Important exam
33. Deed
35. __ the bill
38. Auto company
39. Obedience training basic command
41. Long-grain rice variety
42. Rich in vegetation
44. 'Last Stand' commander at the Battle of Little Bighorn
45. Guys
48. Enthusiastic
49. Spanish appetizer
50. Moreover
51. __ tide
52. Slangy suffix to 'Stink'
53. Celebrity decorator Mr. Yip
54. "I've Got the Music __ __" by The Kiki Dee Band
55. Miss, in Glasgow
56. Silent



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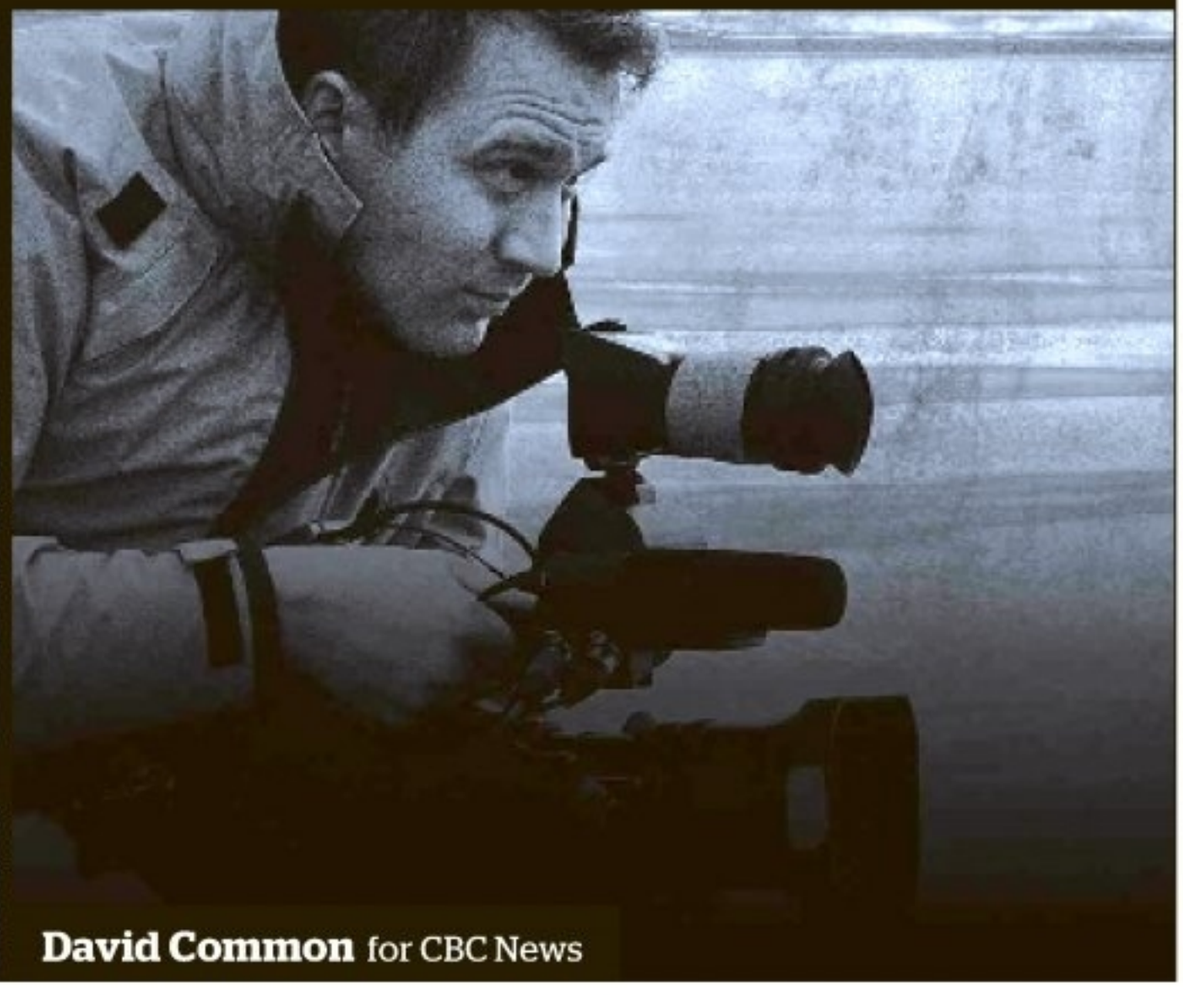

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